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TAGS: PINT, OVIP (MIDDENDORF, J. WILLIAM) MASS, NL

SUBJECT: SECNAV VISIT.

SUMMARY: SECRETARY OF THE NAVY J. WILLIAM MIDDENDORF II AND PARTY HAD A PRODUCTIVE VISIT IN HOLLAND 16-19 SEPT IN SPITE OF THE COMPLICATIONS IMPOSED BY THE JAPANESE TERRORIST SIEGE AT THE FRENCH EMBASSY. MEETINGS WITH VADM ROEST AND HIS STAFF REGARDING THE FUTURE OF THE DUTCH NAVY AND THE OUTLOOK ON MILITARY SALES FROM THE U.S. WERE MOST INFORMATIVE.

1. DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH RNLN THE P3C, HARPOON, LAMPS, LINK II, MK46 TORPEDO AND FOLLOW ON LOGISTICS FOR THE TWO TARTAR SYSTEMS BEING INSTALLED ON THEIR FRIGATES WERE COVERED.

2. THE SECRETARY AND RADM GERHARD ALSO VISITED THE RNLN BASE AT DEN HELDER. THEY WERE BRIEFED ON THE TASKS OF THE NETHERLANDS HOME COMMAND AND VISITED HNLMS BLOMMENDAL, A RECENTLY COMMISSIONED HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY SHIP. THE SECRETARY TOURED THE NAVAL MUSEUM AND RADM GERHARD VISITED THE CENTER FOR AUTOMATION OF WEAPONS AND COMMAND SYSTEMS.

3. THE SECRETARY ATTENDED THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT. THE CEREMONY WAS LIMITED BECAUSE OF THE TERRORIST INCIDENT. HE ALSO MET WITH
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QUEEN JULIANA IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COMMEMORATION OF THE THIRTIETH

ANNIVERSARY OF OPERATION "MARKET GARDEN". THE SECRETARY WAS ALSO INVITED TO SPEAK AT A CEREMONY IN VEGHEL CELEBRATING THE ANNIVERSARY OF "MARKET GARDEN".

4. A PLANNED MEETING WITH PM DE UYL WAS CANCELLED BECAUSE OF THE TERRORIST INCIDENT.

5. PRESS COVERAGE OF THE SECRETARY'S VISIT WAS LIGHT AND APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN BASED ENTIRELY ON THE ANNOUNCEMENT THE EMBASSY PASSED TO THE DUTCH NEWS AGENCY A.N.P.

6. THE SECRETARY'S VISIT WAS VERY HELPFUL IN FURTHERING THE STRONG BOND BETWEEN THE U.S. AND DUTCH NAVIES.
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